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Charles Schieffer named new mayor of New Brockton

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of the New Brockton Town Council chose a new mayor Monday night, Nov. 6, to lead the town for the remainder of the current administrative term. There were two candidates for the spot coming into Monday night's council meeting.

Charles "Chuck" Schieffer was chosen by majority vote to be New Brockton's new mayor following the recent resignation of Ralph Medley. Medley had filled the mayor's seat when Kathy Holley resigned from the post.

Councilman Ronald Terry has been serving as mayor pro tem while the council searched for the town's next mayor.

Voting in favor of appointing Schieffer to the mayor's seat were council members Ronald Terry, Will Reeves, Todd Askins, and Shirley Eads. Council member Justin Flowers voting against the appointment.

Following his appointment, Schieffer thanked the town council for the vote of confidence in him, and then, he asked what the next step would be for him to take the

Terry explained that a local judge would be asked to come and perform a swearing-in ceremony where Schieffer would accept his oath of office. Schieffer indicated he would like to do that as soon as possible.

Also, during Monday night's meeting, the town council discussed that Arrow Disposal had implemented an increase in its garbage pickup services. The group voted to send out bids for the services to see if better rates were available through a new contract.

The next regular meeting for the Town Council will be Monday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m.

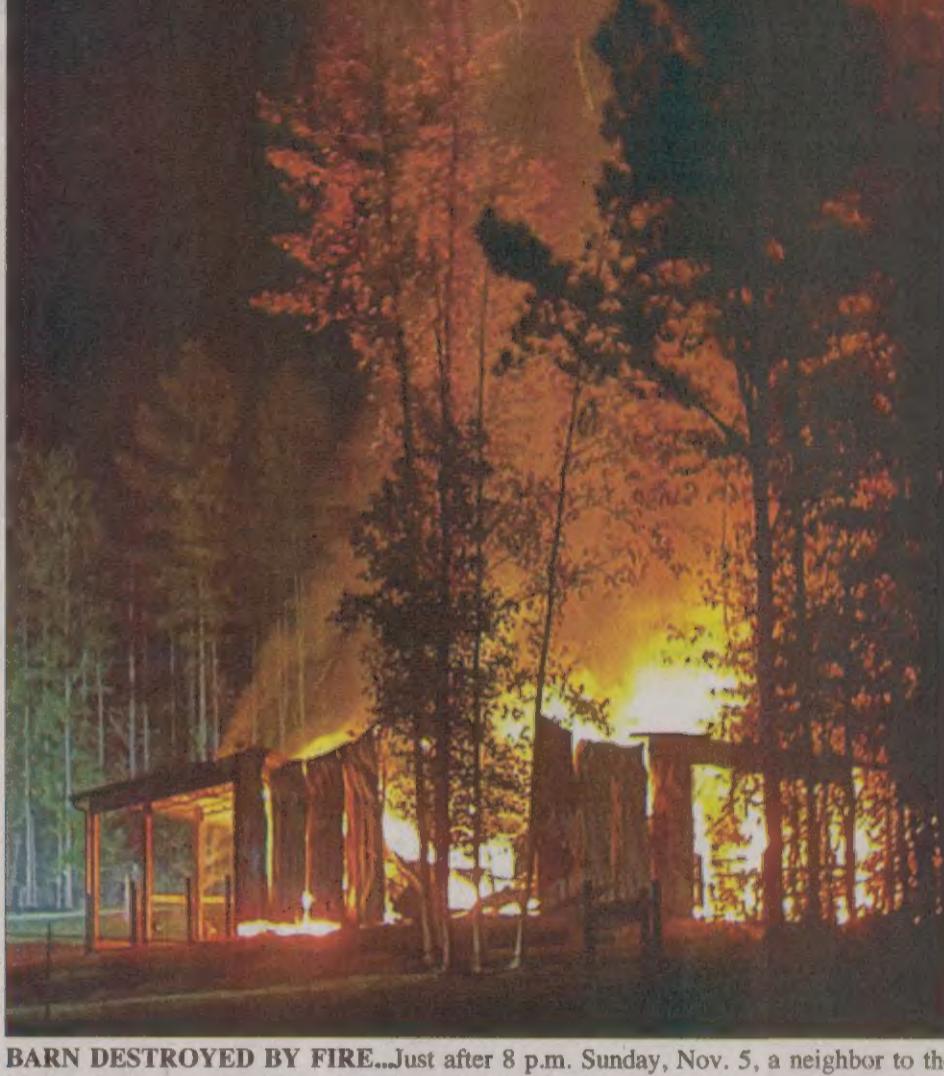
Court records show wrongful death lawsuit against Elba Nursing & Rehab dismissed by federal judge

A wrongful death lawsuit against Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center has been dismissed by a federal judge, according to court documents.

The 2022 lawsuit claimed 86-year-old Benjamin Smith was in the care of the nursing home when he fell and fractured his leg. After the fall, Smith's health continued to "deteriorate" until his death nearly a month later.

In early October, attorneys representing Smith's estate and his widow, Dorothy Smith, and Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center agreed to dismiss the lawsuit.

A motion stated that \$450,000 would be awarded to Smith's estate against the nursing home.



BARN DESTROYED BY FIRE... Just after 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, a neighbor to the Marley Acres farm/petting zoo in Elba noticed large flames coming from Marley Acres, and she immediately called 911. Upon arrival on scene, Elba firefighters found the large barn at Marley Acres, located at 2536 Hickman Ave., engulfed in flames. Firefighters were able to contain the blaze to that one building on the property. Marley Acres is owned by Carrie and Jamie Whitworth of Elba, and they announced Monday morning that the big barn was a total loss and some small caged animals were lost in the fire. However, they noted that most of the farm's animals were not harmed...just frightened from the incident.

Kinston awarded \$400,000 to rehabilitate houses

Governor Kay Ivey has awarded nearly \$17.5 million to provide improvements in 44 Alabama towns, cities and counties, and \$400,000 to rehabilitate

locally, the Town of Kinston was among the recipients of the funds.

Kinston will receive

several occupied houses throughout the town. Property owners are required to provide matches for improvements made as part of the program.

The Community Development Block Grants will enable local governments to pave or resurface roads, eliminate blight and drainage problems, improve water or sewer service and build or improve local community centers and playgrounds.

"Community Development Block Grants annually assist our local governments with some of their most pressing needs and projects that may be out of reach of their own budgets," Gov. Ivey said. "I am honored to award these funds for projects that will make a positive impact in communities across our great state."

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is administering the grants from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development..

"Many of those local governments that surveyed their most critical needs and took the time and effort to complete CDBG applications are seeing that hard work pay off with today's announcement," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said. "ADECA joins Gov. Ivey in full support of these projects. I also encourage those governments that fell short of receiving funding to persevere and continue applying for these all-important funds."

Area Happenings

The Elba Tigers will host University Charter School in the first round of the Class 1A State Football Playoffs this Friday, Nov. 10, at Tiger Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Tickets purchased online at GoFan are \$10 plus fees each while tickets purchased at the cash gate Friday night will be \$12 each. The cash gate is the bottom gate at Tiger Stadium. Also, reserved parking remains in effect for those who had reserved parking during the regular season.

The Elba Redevelopment Board will meet Monday, Nov. 13, at 12 noon, at Elba City Hall.

The Elba Public Library will host a "Mural Reveal" at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the library [406 Simmons Street, Elba]. The Elba Community Mural was designed by Auburn University professor Wendy DesChene in collaboration with members of the Elba community. Students from the Department of Art and Art History at Auburn painted the mural during the 2023 Fall Semester.

NOTICE

The City of Elba offices will be closed Friday, Nov. 10, in observance of the Veteran's Day holiday. However, the garbage truck will run its normal schedule for Fridays.



SINGLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT TUESDAY AFTERNOON... The Elba Volunteer Fire Department had to use extrication equipment Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 7, to help remove the driver from this vehicle following a single car wreck on County Road 404 in the Curtis community. The driver of the small SUV was the only occupant in the vehicle at the time of the accident, and she did not appear to be seriously injured. The accident occurred shortly after 4 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

RWCC meeting set for Wednesday, Nov. 15, in Enterprise

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club. The guest speaker will be Britney Garner, president of the Alabama Federation of Republican Women.

A silent auction fundraiser also will be conducted to benefit the "Birthday Cakes for Foster Children" project. The Sue Cobb RWCC Volunteer of the Year winner

will be announced, and the RWCC officers for 2024-25 will be sworn in.

Social time begins at 11 a.m.; an optional \$13 buffet begins at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon. Everyone is invited, but reservations are required.

RSVP to: rwccreservations@gmail.com, by Nov. 12, and indicate if planning to eat. For more information, contact RWCC President Robin Foy at 334-389-4410.



ELBA MINI MITE CHEERLEADERS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP! The Pea River Youth Football/Cheer League held its annual Cheer Championships last Saturday, Nov. 4, in Goshen. The Elba Mini Mite Cheerleaders, representing the Elba Parks and Recreation, were named champs of their division. The cheerleaders and coaches are pictured here with the champions trophy. They are (front row, l to r) Ma'kinzee Rostick, Sophia Hanchey, Nadiyah Hill, Queen Stoudemire, Scarlet Johns, Ella Pugh, Vaughan Kirkland; (middle row, l to r) Kristyana Robinson, A'nyzah Daniels, Kayleigh Smith, Shayden Reed, Collins Hall, Laiken Harrelson, Jordan Ellis, Trinity Carroll; and (back row, l to r) Coaches Kim Smith, Kayla Byrd, Anna Harrelson, and Leanne Pugh.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Make sure you have finished speaking before your audience has finished listening." – Dorothy Samoff

Read an article by a reporter who viewed some thus far unreleased on the scene videos of the infamous attack at the Jewish music festival a couple of weeks ago. The descriptions of the many victims were very graphic, and frankly we think should not be released. To view those 'on the scene' horrors and then shrug our shoulders and go on with our lives would be almost impossible. One can guess we are saying it is better to bury our head in the sand than to live with the images of those victims in our brains. THEN we flip to the reports of what is happening as the Israeli troops respond and we wonder if this world will survive.

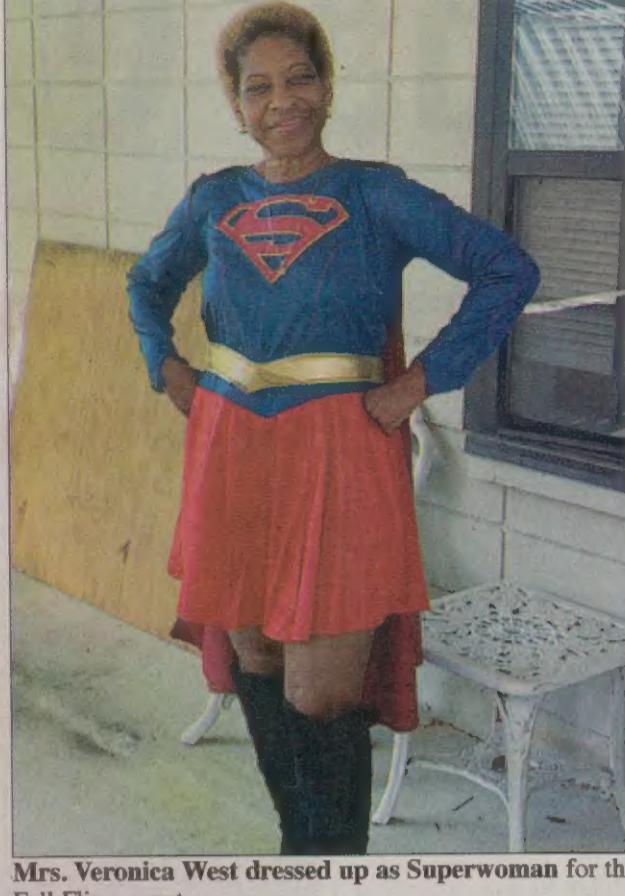
Back in America citizens are being bombarded 24-7 with "Donald Trump news". As we have mentioned previously Trump doesn't need to spend money politicking, the news media is presenting him with wall-to-wall coverage for free! Most of us would not dare have the nerve to say some of the things he has said in defiance of a judge's orders, but he is apparently getting away with saying whatever pops into his mind, regardless of who it offends or what court order it violates! Also, his avid fans are eating it up! There are a thousand opinions out there on what will happen politically in the foreseeable future, but our brain is trying to envision how history will handle this ever-evolving political picture. It would be interesting to look into the future once the emotions have been filtered out by old-father-time and read about how the society of a hundred years from now interprets the politics (and politicians) of the early 2020's.

Our constant unsolicited phone calls have not slowed down. Now we look at the caller ID and if the name and/or phone number are not recognized, we try to resist the urge to rip the phone off the hook and jump through the phone and pinch off someone's head! It does absolutely no good to block a phone number, as their fancy equipment never calls from the same number twice. A couple of times when we did answer the call (caller ID said it was an Elba number), we told the caller that apparently that call was coming from XYZ's phone so let us speak to XYZ . . . the line got silent and then click they hung up, only to call from another hijacked number minutes later. Last Wednesday afternoon we put the phone on 'forward' and went to Enterprise to drop our mail newspapers at the post office. In that less than two hours we recorded 17 efforts to call us from those far off numbers . . . each one a unique number. We had the phone on vibrate or it would have had us climbing up the walls.

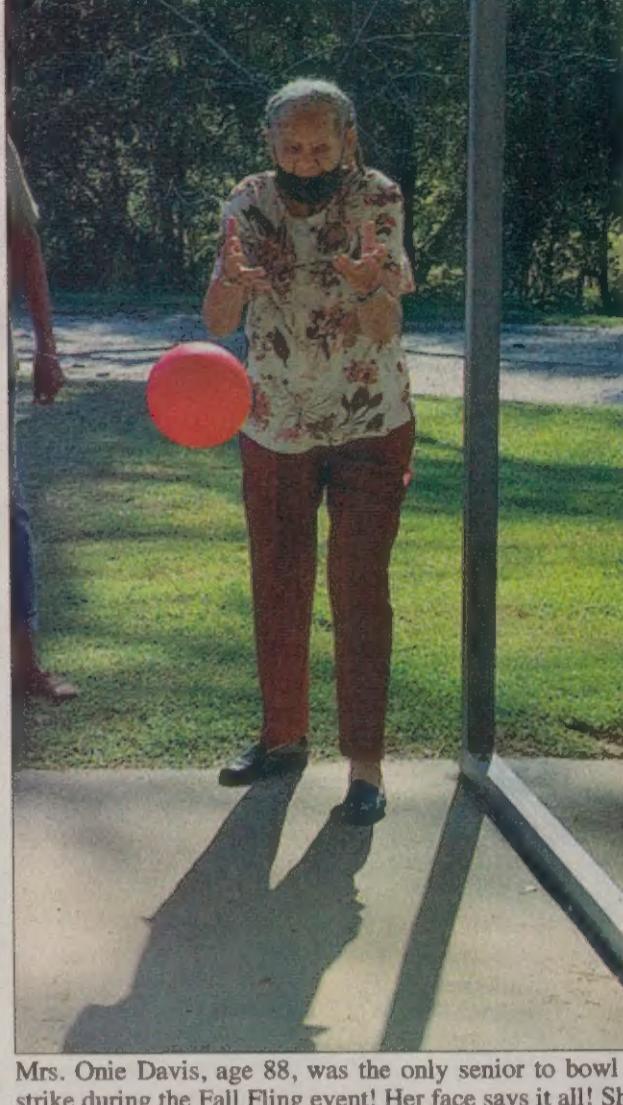
New Hope Senior Citizens Center hosts fun-filled "Fall Fling" event

On Friday, Oct. 27, the New Hope Senior Citizens Center enjoyed its annual "Fall Fling" event at the center. The seniors had tons of fun playing games, including the cookie walk, tic tac toe, egg toss, bowling, corn hole and more.

Center manager Conzuella Banks said, "We look forward to the next celebration!"



Mrs. Veronica West dressed up as Superwoman for the Fall Fling event.



Mrs. Onie Davis, age 88, was the only senior to bowl a strike during the Fall Fling event! Her face says it all! She was so proud of herself!

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023, through Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Oct. 31 – Traffic accident reported at 1900 S Reese Ave (10:41 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in four written warnings, and three verbal warnings.

Wednesday, Nov. 1 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 979 Hwy 203 (4:00 a.m.); Report of shots fired in area of Riverview Dr (9:25 p.m.).

Thursday, Nov. 2 – Domestic complaint reported

ed at 1192 Pine Circle (10:37 a.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one no action taken, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Friday, Nov. 3 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1033 Morrow Ave (12:48 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Edgewood Dr (1:16 a.m.); Burglary reported at 992 Hwy 203 (4:42 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Reese Ave (8:19 a.m.); Structure fire reported at 1215 Caroline St – w/arrest (8:29 a.m.). Eleven traffic stops resulted in seven written warnings, two citations, and two verbal warnings.

Saturday, Nov. 4 – Routine activity with 14 traffic stops for the day, including one arrest, five citations, three written warnings, and five verbal warnings.

Sunday, Nov. 5 – Structure fire reported at Marley Acres farm on Hickman Ave (8:19 p.m.). Ten traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one no action taken, two citations, and one verbal warning.

Monday, Nov. 6 – Drug activity reported in area of Reese Ave and Garrett St (4:18 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Tuesday, Nov. 7 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, Nov. 8 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Thursday, Nov. 9 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Friday, Nov. 10 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Saturday, Nov. 11 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Sunday, Nov. 12 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Monday, Nov. 13 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Tuesday, Nov. 14 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, Nov. 15 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Thursday, Nov. 16 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Friday, Nov. 17 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Saturday, Nov. 18 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Sunday, Nov. 19 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

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Tuesday, Nov. 21 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, Nov. 22 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Thursday, Nov. 23 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Friday, Nov. 24 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Saturday, Nov. 25 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Sunday, Nov. 26 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

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Wednesday, Nov. 29 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (4:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 786 Pinedale Dr (6:33 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

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Obituaries

RHONDA SUE DREWERY JEWELL

Ms. Rhonda Sue Drewery Jewell, age 68, of Enterprise, Ala., died Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, at Enterprise Health and Rehabilitation Center.



Graveside services were held Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, from the Ino Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Garry Winstead officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed the services.

Rhonda was preceded in death by her son, Andrew Watson Cumbie, daughter, Jessica Noel Cumbie, and her parents, Foye Merle Davis and Gordon Mack Drewery.

Survivors include her brothers: Johnny Mack Drewery, Enterprise, and Ellis (Betty M.) Carl Drewery, Colbert, Ga.

CHARLES JONES

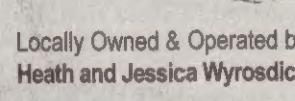
Mr. Charles F. Jones, age 84, of Prattville, Ala., died Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, after a sudden illness.

He was surrounded by his loving wife of 54 years, along with his children.



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MARGIE MACON

Mrs. Margie Macon, age 80, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, beginning at 11 a.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Sam Self officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 5-7 p.m.

Margie was preceded in death by her parents, Enoch Seigle and Eula Pearl Farmer; brothers, Clifford Farmer and James W. Farmer; and sisters, Louise Knighten and Eugenia Parker.

Survivors include her husband: James E.



"Jimmy" Macon, Elba; daughter: Lisa Macon, Elba; son: Darren (Connie) Macon, Enterprise, Ala.; granddaughter: Bethany Macon, and grandson: Tanner Macon, both of Enterprise.

TONY BRADSHAW

Mr. Tony Bradshaw, age 75, of Columbus, Ga., died Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala.



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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Default being made in the conditions of that certain mortgage executed by ROBERT WAYNE BOLDING, an unmarried man, SHARON SASSER, a married woman, and JONATHAN M. WILLIS, an unmarried man, to Troy Bank and Trust Company, a banking corporation, on April 5, 2019, and being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama in A/OFFR 185A, Page 520, said Mortgagee to realize the entire indebtedness hereby will, on the 11th day of December, 2023, between the legal hours of sale at the Courthouse door in Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, under the powers contained in said mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

One lot or parcel of land containing two acres, more or less, lying in and being a part of the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 20 East, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point where the northwest right of way line of the Elba-New Hope Paved Road, as the same is now located in said forty, intersects the North line of said NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 20 East, and running thence in a southwesterly direction along the northwest right of way line of said road a distance of 948 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel herein described; thence continuing in a southwesterly direction along the northwest right of way line of said road a distance of 210 feet to a point; thence running in a northeasterly direction along a line perpendicular with the northwest right of way line of said road a distance of 420 feet to a point; thence running in a northeasterly direction along a line parallel with the northwest right of way line of said road a distance of 210 feet to the point of beginning.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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Default being made in the conditions of that certain mortgage executed by SHARON SASSER, a married woman, to Troy Bank and Trust Company, a banking corporation, on April 5, 2019, and being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama in A/OFFR 185A, Page 529, said Mortgagee to realize the entire indebtedness hereby will, on the 11th day of December, 2023, between the legal hours of sale at the Courthouse door in Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, under the powers contained in said mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Lot No. 1, Block A, of Cedar Ridge Subdivision in the City of Elba, Alabama according to the plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, at page 63, in the Probate Office at Elba, Alabama.

ALSO, a lot or parcel of land lying in and being a part of the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 6 North, Range 20 East, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot No. 1, Block A, of Cedar Ridge Subdivision in the City of Elba, Alabama, according to the plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, at Page 63 in the Probate office at Elba, Alabama, and running North 79° 08' East a distance of 50 feet to a point; thence running in a southerly direction along a line parallel with the East line of said Lot No. 1, Block A, a distance of 135 feet, more or less, to a point on the North right of way line of Cedar Lane Drive; thence running South 60° 57' West along the North right of way line of Cedar Lane Drive a distance of 50 feet, more or less, to the Southeast corner of said Lot No. 1, Block A; thence running in a northerly direction along the East line of said Lot No. 1, Block A, a distance of 150 feet to the point of beginning. Together with the dwelling and other improvements thereon.

The above property is being sold "AS IS" and is subject to any and all reservations, easements, restrictions, covenants, rights of way, and all matters of record.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt, costs and expenses arising out of the mortgagor's default, including attorney's fees.

Please be advised that Allen C. Jones, as a debt collector, is attempting to collect the debt identified herein and that any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

TROY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

P.O. Box 967
Troy, Alabama 36081

MORTGAGEE

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One lot or parcel of land containing two acres, more or less, lying in and being a part of the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 20 East, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point where the northwest right of way line of the Elba-New Hope Paved Road, as the same is now located in said forty, intersects the North line of said NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 20 East, and running thence in a southwesterly direction along the northwest right of way line of said road a distance of 948 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel herein described; thence continuing in a southwesterly direction along a line perpendicular with the northwest right of way line of said road a distance of 210 feet to a point; thence running in a northeasterly direction along a line parallel with the northwest right of way line of said road a distance of 420 feet to a point; thence running in a northeasterly direction along a line parallel with the northwest right of way line of said road a distance of 210 feet to the point of beginning.

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Two Elba teams to participate this

Saturday in Pea River League

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11/11/23

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National Family Caregivers Month is a time to honor and celebrate all those who care for their loved ones. Shopping, cleaning, bathing, arranging doctor visits, transportation and providing ongoing comfort for aging family members is both rewarding and difficult.

While caregiving can be a very rewarding job, it can also be stressful and isolating due to the demands on your time. Here are some coping tips for caregivers -

Seek support from other caregivers. You are not alone. Talking to others who are going through the same thing you are is beneficial.

Take care of yourself. It can be difficult to find time to take care of yourself. It's hard to take care of others if you are not happy and healthy.

Learn how to effectively communicate with doctors. Take notes and keep them somewhere easy to find for visits and phone calls. Make sure to ask questions if you are unsure about what the doctor is saying.

Take breaks when you can. It can be hard to take a break if it leaves your parent without someone to care for them. However, there are options available for care. Respite care provides short-term care at a care facility or even in the home. Adult daycare is another possible option. Search for options in your area.

Make sure legal and medical information is up to date and organized. Keep information in an easy to find spot and check regularly to see if anything needs to be updated.

Don't be afraid to ask for help if you start to feel overwhelmed. Reach out to family and friends or seek help from a professional.

Continue to learn. Seek out books, support groups or websites that can help you manage your stress and connect with other caregivers.

You are doing an incredible job and your work is important. Your caregiving responsibilities are unpaid, but that doesn't mean you aren't valuable. This is a tough job so make sure to give yourself credit.

To all caregivers, thank you for what you are doing every day. Your love and dedication make this world a better place.

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contact questcdn.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com if you require assistance in registration, downloading, or working with this digital project information. Optional complete paper bid documents are available at Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc.; P.O. Box 610; 201 East Troy Street; Andalusia, Alabama 36420, upon payment of a refundable (if plans are returned in reusable condition within 10 days of bid opening) deposit of \$80.00. Bid documents will be mailed only upon receipt of deposit.

If paper option is chosen, checks shall be made payable to Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc. No paper bid documents will be distributed later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled opening of bids.

All bids shall be submitted in the Contract Specification book issued by the Engineer. Bids not submitted in the Contract Specification Book will not be opened. All Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the Bidder, Bidder's license number, address and name of the project. Envelopes containing bids must be addressed as follows and delivered to the City Hall of Elba at 200 Buford Street; Elba, Alabama 36323, "Site Work/Grading, CDBG PROJECT NO.: LR-ED-PF-23-004."

Guarantee will be required with each bid for at least 5% of the amount of the bid filed in the form of a certified check, Bid Bond, or irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the owner payable to the City of Elba. Bid Bonds shall include certification that the bonding company is listed in Circular 570 of the U.S. Treasury Department. The name, address, telephone number, and contact person for the bonding company shall also be included.

The attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to

CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Paul Jackson, Pastor

Covenant Community Church

Don't Fear!

Don't fear failure; at least you tried. Don't fear hard work and a lot of effort that was exhausting; you never shined so brightly. Don't fear that move, change is good; it stretches you in ways you couldn't have imagined a year earlier. Don't fear that bad spot you're in, you won't always be there; you'll find a better place. You really will. Don't fear leaving your "comfort zone"; there are other dreams, bigger dreams out there. So go ahead and dream them. The risk is worth it. Don't fear the unfamiliar; find the good, the blessing, and the joy in what's new to you. Don't fear that medical test, it's good to always know the truth; it sets you free from the illusions of life. Don't fear challenges, they will help you grow as a person. Don't fear being alone; you aren't ever alone; God is always with you!

But let me tell you what to fear.

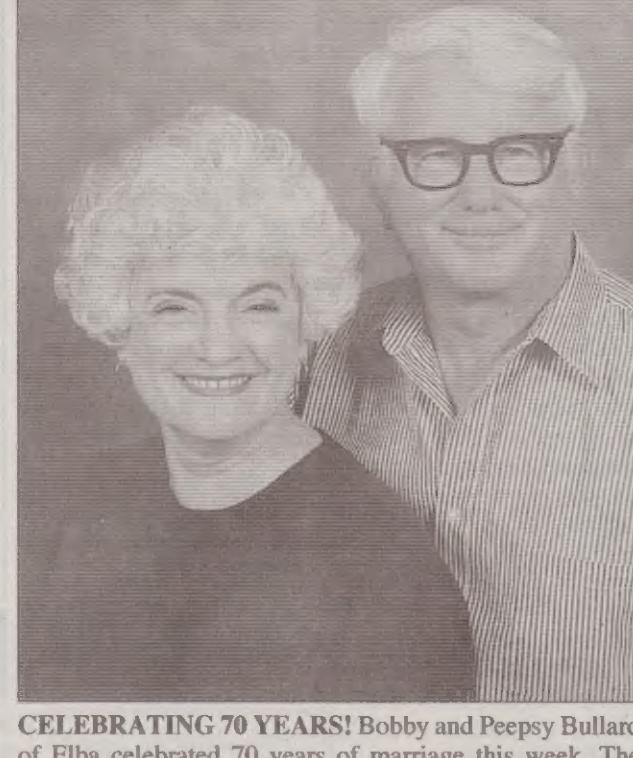
Fear standing still.

Fear being in the exact same place a year from now, refusing to move forward or change or grow.

Fear the fear that slowly kills you.

Annual Newbia School Reunion set for this Saturday, Nov. 11th

The Newbia School Reunion will be Saturday, 10 a.m. with fellowship and a covered dish lunch. All former students of Newbia School are invited to attend.



CELEBRATING 70 YEARS! Bobby and Peepsy Bullard of Elba celebrated 70 years of marriage this week. The couple married Nov. 7, 1953.

Zion Chapel Baptist Church to host Community Thanksgiving Service

Zion Chapel Baptist Church will host a Community Thanksgiving Service at 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, with speaker Lucas Taylor, pastor of Whitewater Baptist Church.

Special music will be provided by a community choir. Offering monies will be donated to the Christian Mission.

Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, contact Cary J. Maulden, Zion Chapel Baptist Church pastor, at 334-268-2219.

Cornerstone Bible Church to host Fall Camp Meeting

A Fall Camp meeting will be held at Cornerstone Bible Church from Thursday, November 9th thru Sunday November 12th. Services will be held 7 pm nightly and 11 am Sunday. Visitors are urged to attend and be blessed with anointed singing and preaching. Bishop Larry Mills and congregation invites everyone to attend.

Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

334-282-2200



Scripture: Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3: 5-8

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Michael Manning, Curtis O. Kelley, Mike/Rosemary Edwards, Alice Musgrove, Shirley Coleman, Maria K. Duncan, Betty Moore, Evelyn B. Manning

November Birthdays / Anniversary

Rev. Darryl Caldwell 11/1

Clize Thomas 11/1

Greg Martin 11/2

Michael & Evelyn Manning 11/2 W.A.

Alvin Jones 11/2

Dana Kelley 11/2

Megan King 11/3

Joshua Armani Kelley 11/3

Rob Stinson 11/3

Hitting Rock Bottom

We experience moments when it seems as if the whole world is conspiring against us, times when there is no relief in sight. Often, however, it's not the whole world conspiring against us, but a case of being our own worst enemy.

Addictions to drugs and gambling are examples. People with addictions may sound sincere about their desire to get on the road to recovery, but often that won't happen until they "hit rock bottom."

This expression means that a person has reached the point where one's own coping mechanisms have proven insufficient. At such a

point, the addict may realize there is no hope for recovery without turning it all over to God.

At some point, Jonah realized he had hit rock bottom. His coping mechanism of fleeing from God had failed. Stripped of the possibility of rescue, either by his own strength or by that of other people, Jonah realized there was only one source of help that remained: the God from whom he had tried to flee. Most of us are not mired in addictions, nor are we in Jonah's predicament, but we can learn from his experience.

The ironclad rule is this: When God taps you on the shoulder for a task, turn to Him for help right then and there. Don't flee first and ask for help when things seem hopeless. To do so is to repeat Jonah's error. See I Corinthians 10: 11,12. - C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 11/9/23

True or False

Q: Mary predicted that future generations would call her blessed.

A: True [Luke 1:48]

Q: Hail and snow are elements that are to praise the Lord.

A: True [Psalm 148: 13]

Did You Know?

Jesus promised that if I tell the world about Him, He'll tell the Father about me.

Questions for the Week of 11/16/23

Fill in the Blanks

Q: When John sees the new heaven and earth, there is no more _____.

Q: The "lake which burns with fire" is called "the second _____".

Q: Mary said the Lord had scattered the _____.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Church Directory

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship . . . 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" . . . 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer . . . 6:15 p.m.
p.m., until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL CHURCH

Philip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Philip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

W.K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lowell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Remonita Smith, Pastor
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lowell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Loreal Flowers, Minister
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

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Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

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Noon Worship . . . 12 noon
Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

Youth Ser. Mon. . . . 7:00 p.m.

Wed Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.

Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba

Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

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Case No. PC 2023-081

NOTICE TO

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Coffee County Probate
Court
Estate of

Shanalya Alexis Williams

Deceased

Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of October, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six

months from above date or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Cory and Carmeisha

Williams,

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Representatives

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Notice of Public Sale. An

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Hartford Hwy, Taylor, AL

36305 has completed all

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Improvement Martin Luther

King Drive Water Main

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should immediately notify

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Board of the City of Elba,

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MCKEE PROJECT NO:

23-161

Sealed proposals for this project shall be received by Mrs. Kelly Cobb, Superintendent at the Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road Elba, AL 36323, Ph: 334-897-5016, until 2:00 PM Local Time, Thursday, November 16, 2023, then opened and read aloud.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid walk through shall occur on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 @ 9:00 AM Local Time starting at the principal's office at Zion Chapel High School, then proceeding to the other sites.

All General Contractors bidding on these projects shall be required to visit the site and examine all existing conditions prior to submitting their proposal.

All Bidders shall have general liability and workman's compensation insurance. The projects shall be bid excluding taxes. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof.

No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing for receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical

errors if, in the Owners judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

A certified check or Bid Bond payable to the Coffee

County Schools in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000.00 must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and statutory labor and material payment bonds will be required at the signing of the Contract.

All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect.

All bidders shall show such evidence by clearly displaying their current license number on the outside of sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered.

PDFs of the project can be reviewed by going to the McKee website @ www.mckeeassoc.com and selecting "Project Bid List". Also,

if you are not receiving

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Attorney for Plaintiff
11/9,16,23&30-chg.Jeffrey J. Wolfe,
Plaintiff.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson made the trip to Birmingham last week to watch his Mom's Lady Tiger volleyball team compete at the state tournament, and in-between visits to the concession stand could be heard yelling encouragement and offering advice to the players. He still may not be a true volleyball fan, but over the last three weeks of tournament play has learned a lot.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers needed only 13 snaps* to open up a 49-7 lead and coasted in with a big 56-28 region win over McKenzie to finish the season with a perfect 10-0 record for the second straight season. While McKenzie did sting the Tigers early and added three late scores against the Elba reserves, the Tigers were in command throughout and the only questions left to answer at the half was how long would the second half last and would the Tigers starters get back in the game. The Elba offense scored on all five first half possessions, led by Alvin Henderson with 215 yards and 4 touchdowns on just six carries, to carry a 42-6 lead in at the half, and while the defense did surrender 208 yards through the air, it had five pass interceptions, including three by Cameron Gray, and allowed only one score until the back-ups came in to mop up the win. It was a little frustrating to watch McKenzie gash the back-ups almost at will, but the defensive subs did come up with a big stop on a pass interception by Jerod Anderson late in the game, and played hard as they gained experience. Now all attention turns to the post-season, and hopefully a long run that will end in Tuscaloosa!

*** *The Elba Lady Tigers* saw their Cinderella run through the post-season end in an opening round loss to 14-time state champion Addison at the 'Elite 8' state tournament, in Birmingham, but the girls from Elba made history with their success this season and put Elba on the map as they rolled to twelve wins and advanced out of the area and super regional tournaments before seeing the season end. This year's regular-season area co-champs included only three seniors, which means there will be a lot of experienced players coming back, and there is no doubt the girls are already talking about making a return trip to Montgomery and Birmingham. It was an amazing season for a team that had posted six straight losing seasons, and one that should pay dividends and make the sport one all the girls want to be a part of for years to come.

*** *It was a pretty good week across the area* as Brantley won a 55-46 shootout over Florala, New Brockton closed the season with a 27-14 win over Northside Methodist and Kinston lost a 48-25 shootout to Houston County. * The Bulldogs from Crenshaw County needed a win to clinch the #3 seed in the region and did just that as they rolled to their third straight win, upped their record to 6-4 and upped their scoring average to 49 points a game during the three-game streak. * The Gamecocks added a solid win to earlier wins over Opp and Ashford to close the season with a 3-7 record, and despite being outscored 313-163 during the season, it was easy to see the team made obvious improvements from years past. * The Bulldogs from Coffee County just couldn't keep up as they closed the season with a disappointing 2-8 record, and during a four-game losing streak to end the season allowed their opponents to score 49 points a game. It wasn't a season that the Bulldogs and their fans had hoped for, but it was another step as the 1A team keeps building its program.

*** *It was a relatively calm week across the state*, especially among the top teams in all seven classes as the rich just got richer. In a quick look back.... (1A) Top-ranked Leroy clobbered Washington County 49-14 and #2 Elba buried McKenzie 56-28, while closer to home Brantley continued its late-season surge with a 55-46 win over Florala, Georgiana pounded Pleasant Home 61-0 and Houston County evened its record at 5-5 with a 48-25 win over Kinston. (2A) Second-ranked Fyffe battled past 3A power Sylvania 21-10 and #5 Pisgah thumped North Jackson 50-24, while closer to home #6 Cottonwood lost its first game of the season to 5A playoff bound Headland 42-26, Pike Lib won over Calhoun 43-18 and Samson closed its season with a 54-32 road win over Red Level. (3A) Second-ranked Madison County ripped Westminster Christian 47-7 and #3 Gordo clubbed Hale County 58-26, while closer to home Houston Academy blanked Pike County 10-0, Straughn spanked Providence Christian 35-14, Opp battled past Ashford 50-48 in three overtimes, and T.R. Miller dumped W.S. Neal 36-8. (4A) Second-ranked Cherokee County lost to Fort Payne 21-14 and #3 Jackson remained unbeaten with a big 45-14 romp over 7A playoff participant Davidson. (5A) Top-ranked Gulf Shores

rolled past B.C. Rain 43-21 and #3 Central Clay County bounced Wetumpka 28-7, while closer to home Rehobeth hammered 2A G.W. Long 47-3, Eufaula fought past Early County 27-24 and Carroll missed a late extra-point to force overtime in a wild 49-48 loss to 3A St. James. (6A) Top-ranked Saraland destroyed McGill-Toolen 70-27 and #4 Muscle Shoals whipped Sparkman 48-7. (7A) Top-ranked Central, of Phenix City, popped Prattville 48-7, Dothan coasted past JAG 57-12 and Enterprise rolled over Percy Julian 48-7.

*** *I know it is considered bad luck to look ahead* in the brackets once the playoffs begin, but I just had to glimpse ahead to possible second round contests and found out that quite a few games will pit some of the state's top teams against each other early in the post-season. Possible second round games in Class 1A will find Georgiana at Leroy, Linden or Brantley against Loachapoka, Maplesville at Sweet Water and Millry at Elba, while in Class 2A look out for Highland Home to make a trip to top-ranked B.B. Comer; in Class 3A possible games include Houston Academy at Mobile Christian and Thomasville at Straughn; in Class 4A a game I have been waiting for would be Andalusia at Jackson, as well as T.R. Miller at Montgomery Catholic; in Class 5A look for Charles Henderson at #1 Gulf Shores and Central Clay County at Headland; in Class 6A a game to watch would be Spanish Fort at Pike Road; and, in Class 7A, how about two re-matches as Auburn would head to Central, Phenix City, and Dothan would head back to Enterprise. All the second round games may not happen, but the playoffs are exciting and it is fun to look ahead.

*** *It was a good weekend for college fans* in the state as Alabama outscored LSU 42-28, Auburn used big plays to defeat Vanderbilt 31-15 and Troy scored two late touchdowns to get past South Alabama 28-10. The Crimson Tide displayed a new look on offense and it paid big dividends as Jalen Milroe rushed for over 150 yards and four touchdowns and passed for over 200 yards in the big SEC win, while the Tigers had three long scoring plays and played well on defense to post a much needed road win, and the Trojans had to fight for all four quarters to remain atop the division in their Thursday night special. Yep, when all three win it makes it a good week for lots of households across the state.

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator hit on 22 of his 24* picks last week and in an email declared the best is yet to come as the playoffs kick off this week all across the state. The local guesspert has enjoyed banner year, and here is his fearless forecast for week number one in playoff

action....

ELBA VS. UNIVERSITY CHARTER

The Pea River felines will be at home in the opening round of the playoffs and will host a team put together with players from across west Alabama. While the felines have been on a roll all season and will be big favorites, the guess here is that this could be a four quarter battle and will set the tone for the weeks to come.

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BRANTLEY VS. LINDEN

The bulldogs from up across the creek will hit the road to battle a familiar playoff foe and will be looking to continue their late-season surge. While the bulldogs have lit up the scoreboard in the last three weeks, this one won't be anywhere as easy in a hostile environment where many teams have seen their dreams end in years past. The guess here is the dream continues....

BRANTLEY 26 LINDEN 20

OTHER PICKS:

Leroy 54 Calhoun 6
Georgiana 48 Keith 0
Loachapoka 34 Southern Choctaw 7
Maplesville 28 Choctaw County 22
Millry 42 Notasulga 8
Goshen 33 G.W. Long 13
B.B. Comer 40 Washington County 0
Highland Home 35 Arton 21
Reeltown 35 Wicksburg 7
Cottonwood 28 Luverne 7
Mobile Christian 55 Beulah 0
Houston Academy 27 Alabama Christian 10
Trinity 42 Providence Christian 3
St. James 41 Opp 7
Straughn 34 Southside 30
Jackson 42 Cleburne County 14
Andalusia 35 Sipsey Valley 10
Montgomery Catholic 38 West Blocton 0
T.R. Miller 24 Anniston 21
Charles Henderson 49 Marbury 7
Central Clay 28 UMS-Wright 10
Demopolis 35 Carroll 27
Eufaula 50 Shelby County 12
Saraland 56 McAdory 6
Montgomery Carver 22 Briarwood 21
Benjamin Russell 42 Lanier 8
Central PC 49 Davidson 0
Auburn 31 Baker 28
Dothan 41 Mary Montgomery 40
Enterprise 48 Daphne 21

Host University Charter

Tigers ready for playoff opener

The Elba Tigers will continue their drive toward an 8th state championship Friday night when they host the University Charter Trail Blazers, at Tiger Stadium, in the opening round of the Class 1A state football playoffs.

The Tigers will bring a perfect 10-0 record into the game, while the Trail Blazers will bring a 5-5 record into their first-ever playoff appearance.

"Once the post-season starts every team has the same record," said Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving, "and we have all the respect in the world for University Charter. All five of their losses in the regular season were to playoff teams. So, they have had to battle to get here and will come to win Friday night."

Elba, which owns a 52-30 playoff record, including a 21-13 record in the first round, will be in the playoffs for the 35th time in its rich football history, and this season has outscored its victims 498-139 in rolling to the region title.

University Charter, in only its second season playing football, rebounded from a 2-8 record in its inaugural season to post a 5-5 record this season and earned a berth in the playoffs as the #4 seed in its region. The Trail Blazers have posted wins over Hubertville 22-20, Fruitdale 42-0, R.C. Hatch 24-16, A.L. Johnson 44-0 and Marengo 44-0, while losing to Sweet Water 41-6, Keith 26-16, Tuscaloosa Academy 42-20, Linden 26-14 and Choctaw County 24-16.

"On offense they run a wing t and are real gritty," added Sieving. "They run a lot of misdirection and sweeps, and make the defense play technique football, which at times can take away some of a defenses aggressiveness. They have a couple of good backs and a couple of good receivers, but really don't like to pass. Over on defense they are a 4-3 team, but against us there is no telling how they will line up. We know they will do their best to stop our running game and that means a physical game at the line of scrimmage."

"For us to be successful Friday night we will just have to keep doing what we do," said Coach Sieving. "We kind of have the mindset that our opponent doesn't matter if we play our best, and that will be the case again this week."



Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving talks with his team during a time-out in last week's 56-28 win over McKenzie.

On offense we will need to use of size and strength at the line of scrimmage to take control of the game, and be successful running the football. Over on defense we may have to make some adjustments against their wing t, but again we want to be physical up front and be ready when they pull it down and throw the ball in the flats. We need to stop them on first down to make them do things they don't want to do, and attack them on every play. We still have work to do on kickoff coverage, and work on it a lot every week. So, as has been the case all season we are working to be the best we can be and make a few adjustments to try and take away their best plays."

When asked about last week's 56-28 win over McKenzie, Coach Sieving stated, "It was a good win, but we made some mistakes that will cost us against better teams and we have a lot of work to do at practice to keep improving. We got out of position a couple of times on defense and got burned, and missed too many tackles when their quarterback scrambled. I guess it is kind of bad in a way when you are up 42-6 at the half and the coaches are yelling in the dressing room at the half. However, we play to our standard and not our opponent, and we let the players know every day things we must do to improve. It was a good win because everyone got to play and we came out on top."

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Friday night at Elba's Tiger Stadium. Tickets purchased online at GoFan will be \$10 plus fees. Cash tickets (available at the bottom gate of Tiger Stadium) will be \$12. These prices are valid for the first three rounds of the AHSAA playoffs.

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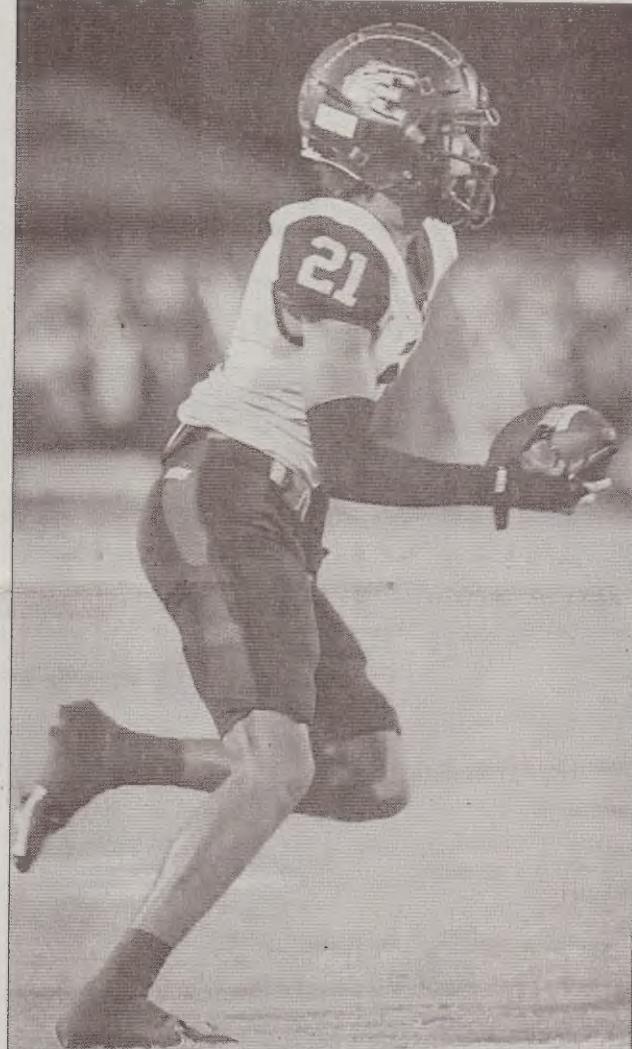
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SPORTS NEWS



Elba Marching Tiger Band entertained at last week's game with a pregame show and a halftime show and wowed the crowd.



Elba Tiger Cameron Gray (21) looks for room to roam after a pass interception in last week's 56-28 win over McKenzie. Gray had three pass interceptions in the big region win.



Elba Tiger Colin Arnold (1) turns upfield after pulling in a pass for a big gain in last week's 56-28 region win over McKenzie.

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Grab 10th straight win

Tigers manhandle McKenzie 56-28

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers wrapped up their second straight undefeated regular season Friday night with a wild 56-28 region win over the McKenzie Tigers, at Tiger Stadium.

Elba received the game's opening kickoff and needed only two plays to get on the scoreboard as Alvin Henderson took a handoff and raced 43 yards around the left side for a touchdown. Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point, and with only 49-seconds gone off the clock Elba was already ahead 7-0.

McKenzie showed everyone in attendance it had come to compete and took the ensuing kickoff and went 52 yards in seven plays to cut into the early Elba lead. Skylar Sanders completed 3 of 4 passes for 51 yards to lead the Tigers down the field, with the score coming on a 25-yard td toss from Sanders to Davis-Warren. A two-point pass missed its target, but with 8:00 left in the first quarter Elba's lead had been chopped to 7-6.

Elba fumbled away the ensuing on-sides kickoff to set McKenzie up near midfield, but regained possession on a pass interception by Cameron Gray at the Tigers 38-yardline and again needed two plays to reach the endzone. A 61-yard pass completion from Brayden Johnson to Cameron Gray moved the ball to the McKenzie 1-yardline, and on the next play Alvin Henderson walked in for his second touchdown of the quarter. Wisecup kicked the extra-point and with 5:07 left in the quarter the Tigers lead was up to 14-6.

The Elba defense turned back a McKenzie scoring threat on the game's next offensive series and the Tigers promptly went 73 yards in five plays to extend their lead. Alvin Henderson had a 40-yard run and Cody Gray added 25 yards on two carries to spark the scoring drive, with Gray getting the touchdown on a 3-yard run. Wisecup's extra-point was true, as Elba's lead grew to 21-6 with 11:30 remaining in the second quarter.

Elba got the ball right back on Cameron Gray's second interception of the half, and for the third time in the game needed two plays to cross the goal line. The Tiger touchdown came on a 46-yard scamper by Alvin Henderson, and Wisecup drilled the extra-point to push Elba's lead to 28-6 with 8:30 left in the second quarter.

The Elba defense got on the scoring act on McKenzie's next possession when Brady Johnson stepped in front of a McKenzie receiver to pick off a pass and returned the interception 46 yards for a touchdown. Wisecup's extra-point split the up-rights, as the Tigers lead ballooned to 35-6 with 6:19 left on the clock.

Elba began its next possession at its own 21-yardline after a McKenzie punt and this time needed only one play to reach paydirt, as Alvin Henderson took a direct snap and raced 79 yards up the middle of the field for his fourth td of the half. Wisecup was again on the mark with the extra-point, and with 2:00 still left in the half the Tigers were in complete command with a 42-6 lead.

Elba's Cameron Gray picked off his third pass of the night on McKenzie's initial series of the second half and returned the interception 55 yards to the McKenzie 14-yardline, where on the next play Elba's Brayden Johnson bailed up the middle for a touchdown. Wisecup kicked the extra-point as the Tigers moved on top 49-6 with 10:17 left in the third quarter.

McKenzie scored on its next possession on a 46-yard pass from Skylar Sanders to Jah'marren Jackson and added a two-point conversion on a run by Sanders to cut the Elba lead to 49-14, but the Tigers weren't done and added their final score of the night two plays later on a 17-yard run by Jacob Watkins. Alex Wisecup hit his eighth straight extra-point of the game, and with 9:00 left in the quarter the Tigers owned a 56-14 advantage.

McKenzie scored two more touchdowns on a 40-pass from Sanders to Jackson, and a 26-yard run by Sanders to give its followers something to cheer about. However, the Tigers victory was never in doubt as they improved to 10-0 with the 56-28 win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 215 yards and 4 touchdowns on six carries to lead the Elba offensive attack, while Skylar Mitchell added 40 yards on five carries, Cody Gray added 33 yards and one td on three carries and Brayden Johnson added 28 yards and one td on two carries and completed both his pass attempts for 92 yards, with Cameron Gray pulling in one pass for 61 yards and Collin Arnold having one reception for 31 yards.

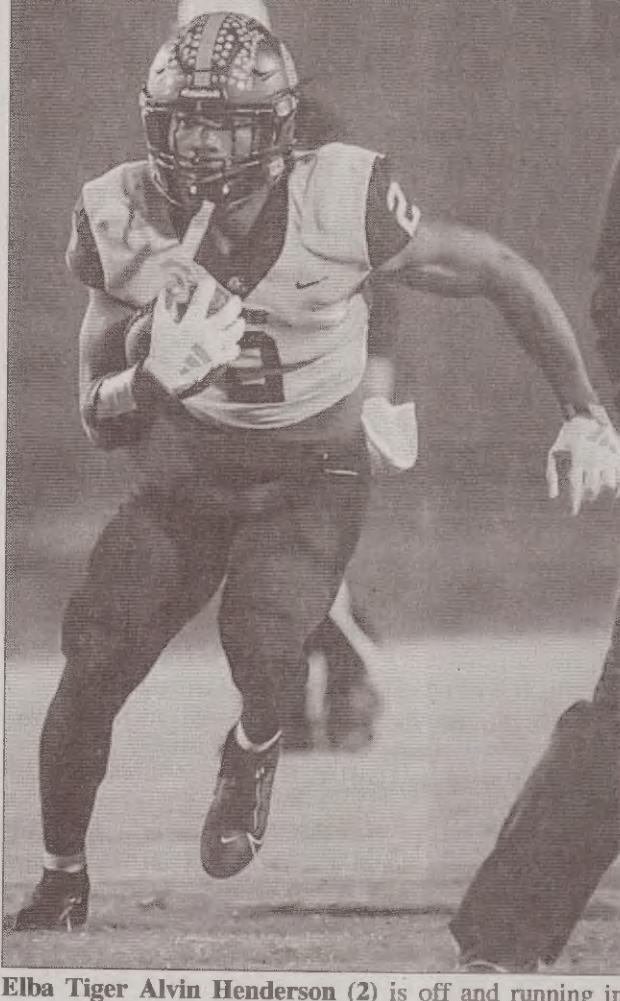
Johnny Davison rushed for 122 yards on 21 carries to lead McKenzie on the ground, while Skylar Sanders rushed for 33 yards and one td on four carries and completed 11 of 20 passes for 208 yards and three td's, with Jah'marren Jackson pulling in 6 passes for 135 yards and 2 td's, and Jolon Davis-Warren pulling in 5 passes for 73 yards and 1 td.

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Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) is off and running in last week's big win over McKenzie. Henderson had six first half runs for 216 yards and four touchdowns in the 56-28 win.



Elba Tiger Jamal Siler (64) applies a pass rush to the McKenzie quarterback in last week's 56-28 region win.

The yardstick....

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12	1 st Downs
24-348	Rushes-Yds.
92	Passing Yds.
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4/2	Fumbles/Lost
0-0	Punts-Ave.
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SPORTS NEWS

State football playoffs kick off this week with 104 games in 7 classes

A total of 208 high school football teams earned berths in the AHSAA 58th annual State Football Playoffs which get underway next week with 28 first-round games scheduled for Thursday night, November 9. The remaining 76 games will be played Friday, November 10.

A total of 20 teams in this year's field head into the state playoffs undefeated. Leroy (9-0) comes in with a 15-game winning streak dating back to the last game of the 2022 regular season.

Unbeaten teams entering the playoffs include: (Class 1A) Leroy (9-0); Elba (10-0); Loachapoka (9-0); (Class 2A) B.B. Comer (10-0); Reeltown (9-0); Locust Fork (10-0); (Class 3A) Mobile Christian (10-0); Lauderdale County (10-0); Madison Academy (10-0); (Class 4A) Montgomery Catholic (10-0); Jackson (9-0); West Morgan (10-0); (Class 5A) Gulf Shores (10-0); Central, Clay County (10-0); (Class 6A) Saraland (10-0); Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa (10-0); Clay-Chalkville (10-0); Muscle Shoals (9-0); and (Class 7A) Mary Montgomery (10-0) and Central-Phenix City (9-0).

The first-round playoff pairings in the 'South' brackets are listed below:

CLASS 1A

R-4, No. 4: Calhoun (3-6) at R-1, No. 1: Leroy (9-0)

R-3, No. 3: Keith (6-3) at R-2, No. 2: Georgiana (8-1)

R-1, No. 4: Southern Choctaw (4-6) at R-4, No. 1: Loachapoka (9-0), at Beulah HS, Thursday, Nov. 9

R-2, No. 3: Brantley (6-4) at R-3, No. 2: Linden (6-2), Thursday, Nov. 9

R-2, No. 4: Florala (7-3) at R-3, No. 1: Sweet Water (8-1)

R-1, No. 3: Choctaw County (5-3) at R-4, No. 2: Maplesville (6-4), Thursday, Nov. 9

R-3, No. 4: University Charter School (5-4) at R-2, No. 1: Elba (10-0)

R-4, No. 3: Notasulga (5-4) at R-1, No. 2: Millry (8-2), Thursday, Nov. 9

CLASS 2A

R-4, No. 4: Vincent (6-4) at R-1, No. 1: Clarke County (5-5), Grove Hill, Thursday, Nov. 9

R-3, No. 3: Goshen (8-2) at R-2, No. 2: G.W. Long (7-3), Skipperville, Thursday, Nov. 9

R-1, No. 4: Washington County (4-6) at R-4, No. 1: B.B. Comer (10-0), Sylacauga

R-2, No. 3: Ariton (6-4) at R-3, No. 2: Highland Home (9-1), Thursday, Nov. 9

R-2, No. 4: Wicksburg (5-5) at R-3, No. 1: Reeltown (9-0)

R-1, No. 3: Chickasaw (5-5) at R-4, No. 2: Thorsby (8-2), Thursday, Nov. 9

R-3, No. 4: Luverne (7-3) at R-2, No. 1: Cottonwood (8-1)

R-4, No. 3: Isabella (8-2) at R-1, No. 2: St. Luke's Episcopal (6-4), Mobile, Thursday, Nov. 9

CLASS 3A

R-4, No. 4: Beulah (4-6) at R-1, No. 1: Mobile Christian (10-0)

R-3, No. 3: Alabama Christian (6-4) at R-2, No. 2: Houston Academy (9-1), Dothan

R-1, No. 4: Flomaton (6-4) at R-4, No. 1: Walter Wellborn (7-3), Anniston

R-2, No. 3: Providence Christian (5-5) at R-3, No. 2: Trinity Presbyterian (9-1), Thursday, Nov. 9

R-2, No. 4: Opp (4-6) at R-3, No. 1: Saint James (8-2), Montgomery, Thursday, Nov. 9

R-1, No. 3: W.S. Neal (6-4) at R-4, No. 2: Randolph County (9-1), Wedowee

R-3, No. 4: Southside-Selma (7-3) at R-2, No. 1: Straughn (9-1)

R-4, No. 3: Dadeville (4-4) at R-1, No. 2: Thomasville (8-1)

CLASS 4A

R-4, No. 4: Cleburne County (4-6) at R-1, No. 1: Jackson (9-0)

R-3, No. 3: Sipsey Valley (6-4) at R-2, No. 2: Andalusia (9-1)

R-1, No. 4: St. Michael Catholic (6-4) at R-4, No. 1: Handley (9-1), Roanoke

R-2, No. 3: B.T. Washington (6-4) at R-3, No. 2: American Christian (8-2), Tuscaloosa

R-2, No. 4: Montgomery Academy (4-6) at R-3, No. 1: Bibb County (9-1), Thursday, Nov. 9

R-1, No. 3: Bayside Academy (8-2) at R-4, No. 2: Jacksonville (8-2)

R-3, No. 4: West Blocton (6-4) at R-2, No. 1: Montgomery Catholic (10-0)

R-4, No. 3: Anniston (6-3) at R-1, No. 2: T.R. Miller (7-3), Brewton

CLASS 5A

R-4, No. 4: Beauregard (5-4) at R-1, No. 1: Gulf Shores (10-0)

R-3, No. 3: Marbury (2-8) at R-2, No. 2: Charles Henderson (6-3), Troy

R-1, No. 4: UMS-Wright (6-4) at R-4, No. 1: Central, Clay County (10-0), Lineville

R-2, No. 3: Headland (8-2) at R-3, No. 2: Holtville (7-3)

R-2, No. 4: Carroll (4-6) at R-3, No. 1: Demopolis (8-2), Thursday, Nov. 9

R-1, No. 3: B.C. Rain (7-3) at R-4, No. 2: Valley (7-3)

R-3, No. 4: Shelby County (2-8) at R-2, No. 1: Eufaula (7-3), Thursday, Nov. 9

R-4, No. 3: Elmore County (8-2) at R-1, No. 2: Faith Academy (7-3), Mobile

CLASS 6A

R-4, No. 4: McAdory (6-4) at R-1, No. 1: Saraland (10-0)

R-3, No. 3: Briarwood Christian (5-5) at R-2, No. 2: Carver-Montgomery (7-3)

R-1, No. 4: St. Paul's Episcopal (7-3) at R-4, No. 1: Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa (10-0)

R-2, No. 3: Wetumpka (5-5) at R-3, No. 2: Helena (8-2), Thursday, Nov. 9

R-2, No. 4: Sidney Lanier (5-5) at R-3, No. 1: Benjamin Russell (8-2), Alex City, Thursday, Nov. 9

R-1, No. 3: Theodore (7-3) at R-4, No. 2: Hueytown (7-3)

R-3, No. 4: Homewood (6-4) at R-2, No. 1: Pike Road (7-2)

R-4, No. 3: Bessemer City (5-5) at R-1, No. 2: Spanish Fort (8-2)

CLASS 7A

R-1, No. 4: Davidson (5-5) at R-2, No. 1: Central-Phenix City (9-0)

R-2, No. 3: Auburn (8-2) at R-1, No. 2: Baker (8-2), Mobile

R-2, No. 4: Dothan (8-2) at R-1, No. 1: Mary Montgomery (10-0), Semmes

R-1, No. 3: Daphne (6-4) at R-2, No. 2: Enterprise (8-2)

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Lady Tigers see season end at state tourney

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their late-season surge on the volleyball court come to an end last week at the AHSAA 'Elite 8' state tournament with a 7-25, 14-25, 12-25 loss to the three-time defending state champion Addison Lady Bulldogs.

The Lady Tigers were tied at 3-3 early in the first match, but saw Addison open up a 9-2 lead midway through the match and never caught up, while in the second match the Lady Tigers stayed close

and trailed only 9-8 after a hotly contested start, only to again see the 14-time state champs pull away late. In the third and deciding match, the Lady Tigers fell behind 10-2 early and saw a late rally fall short.

Kendra Juarez had 7 digs, 3 assists, 1 kill and 1 service point to lead Elba in the match, while A'Lyric Whitfield had 6 digs, 3 kills, 2 aces and three service points; Brooke Tinsley added 4 blocks, 1 kill and 3 service points; Haylee Tucker added 1

block, 1 assist and 1 dig; Aubrey Wisecup added 10 digs and 1 assist; Alayvia Stinson added 7 digs and 1 assist; Keelie Moseley added 2 digs and 1 kill; Mary Brooklyn O'Neal and Mary Kelley both added 2 digs; Sydney Siler added 1 assist; and, Taylor Day added 1 dig.

"We knew going up to Birmingham that we could possibly be over-matched against some of the top teams in our class," said Lady Tiger head coach Melissa Mularz, "and

we ran into a team that had won a total of 14 state titles, including the last three, and their skill and experience playing at the state tournament was obvious. While we didn't play our best, we did play well and never quit in any of the sets. It was another growing experience for the girls in the volleyball program here at Elba High, and we are determined to make it back to state and next time be a factor and bring home a state title."

Brantley Bulldogs chase away Wildcats 55-46

From combined reports
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs and Florala Wildcats tied up in an offensive shootout Friday night at David Lowery Stadium with the Bulldogs coming out on top with a wild 55-46 region win that left Brantley as the #3 seed in the Class 1A Region 2 standings.

Brantley rallied from an early 6-0 deficit to grab a 14-6 lead, but saw Florala light up its side of the scoreboard throughout the first half as the Wildcats opened up a 32-22 second quarter lead before the Bulldogs scored late to pull within 32-28 at intermission.

Florala scored again early in the third quarter to stretch its lead to 38-28. However, Brantley never backed down and scored the game's next three touchdowns to take a 48-38 lead. The Wildcats cut the Bulldogs lead to 48-46 in the final quarter, but Brantley added an insurance touchdown and added the extra-point to claim the wild 55-46 region win.

Brantley quarterback Jayden Parks accounted for seven touchdowns in the thrilling homefield win as he rushed for 195 yards and three touchdowns on 12 carries, including td runs of 84 and 13 yards, and completed 15 of 20 passes for 230 yards and four touchdowns, with Cooper Layton pulling 10 passes



Father and Son discussion.... Brantley assistant coach Andre Parks talks with his son Jayden Parks (1) during a time-out.

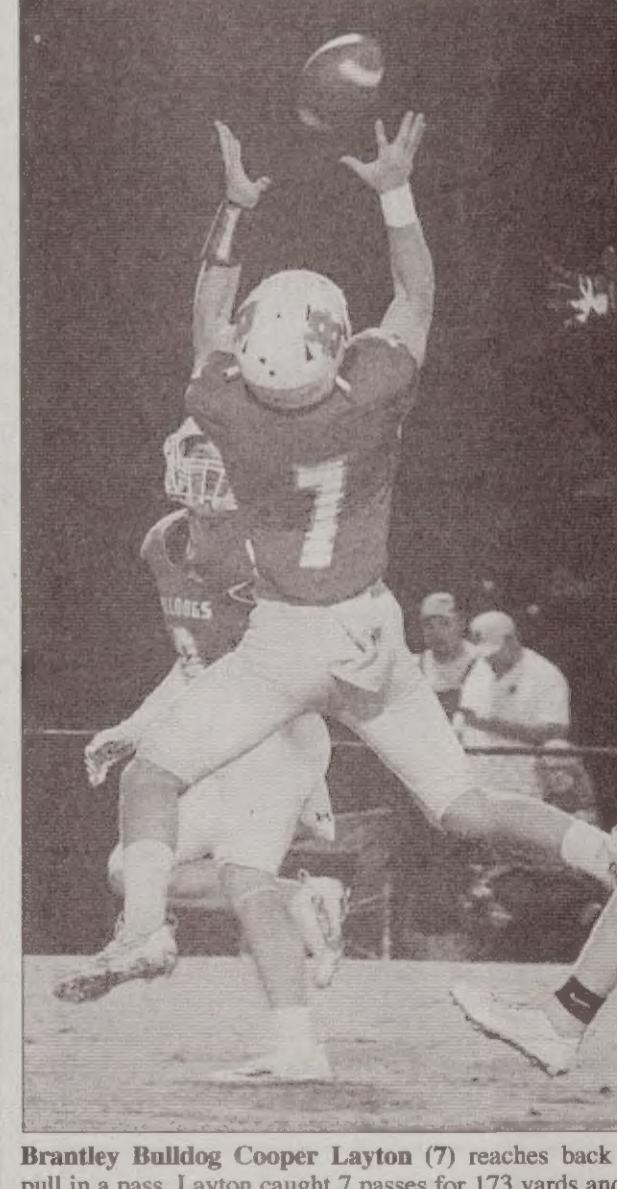
for 195 yards and all four td tosses, including td catches of 65 and 38 yards. Andre Wright also added a 60-yard touchdown run.

The Bulldog defense was paced by John Harper Kilcrease with six and one-half tackles, one tackle for a loss, one sack and two interceptions; Cooper Layton with six and one-half tackles and one interception; and, Kendrick Welch, with five tackles, three and one-half tackles for losses, two sacks and one forced fumble.

The win was the third straight for the Bulldogs, which will travel to Linden on Thursday night in the opening round of the 1A playoffs.

Brantley will bring a 6-4 record into the clash, having won its last three games of the regular season to overcome a 3-4 start, and during the late-season surge has outscored its three victims by an average of over 26 points per game. The Bulldogs own a 79-38 all-time record in the post-season, including a 35-7 record in first round play.

Linden will be playing its first game in three weeks due to an off week and a forfeit win over A.L. Johnson, and will bring a 6-2 record into the clash with wins over Choctaw County 44-22, Keith 44-12, Marengo 22-6, R.C. Hatch 56-14, University Charter 26-14 and A.L. Johnson 1-0, and losses to Millry 40-12 and Sweet Water 20-0. The Patriots own a 48-30 playoff record and are 22-9 all-time in first round action.

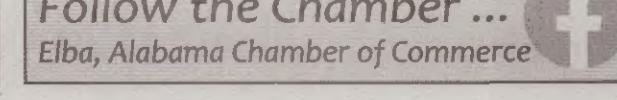


Brantley Bulldog Cooper Layton (7) reaches back to pull in a pass. Layton caught 7 passes for 173 yards and 4 touchdowns in last week's 55-46 region win over Florala.

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SPORTS NEWS

Brockton batters Knights 27-14

Statistics by Brandon White
Photos by Ashley Bertsch

The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled ahead in the closing seconds of the first half and never lost command in an exciting 27-14 win over the Northside Methodist Knights, Friday night at Gamecock Stadium, in New Brockton.

Northside Methodist received the opening kickoff and promptly marched 75 yards in five

plays to grab an early lead. The Knights touchdown came on a 4-yard pass from Harrison Hicks to Grayson Barbaree, and Fitzpatrick Carter kicked the extra-point as Northside Methodist jumped on top 7-0 with 10:15 remaining in the first quarter.

New Brockton had a quick answer for the early Knights score and after the ensuing kickoff went 65 yards in seven plays to get on the scoreboard. Dawson Peacock completed 3 of 3 passes for 50 yards to

lead the Gamecocks down the field, while Yassiah Rousseau capped the drive with a 2-yard touchdown plunge. The extra-point try failed, but with 6:35 left in the first quarter New Brockton was within 7-6.

New Brockton grabbed its first lead of the night late in the quarter when the Gamecocks covered 53 yards in seven plays to get back into the endzone. Peacock hit on 3 of 3 passes for 20 yards to spark the scoring drive, while it was Rousseau that scored his second td of the quarter, this time on a 5-yard run, as New Brockton pulled ahead 12-7 with 23-seconds still left in the opening quarter.

Northside Methodist came right back after falling behind and marched 52 yards in 11 plays to regain the lead. The Knights touchdown came on a 15-yard pass from Hicks to Braylen Clements, and Carter again added the extra-point as Northside Methodist went back on top 14-12 with 6:19 remaining in the half.

New Brockton headed right back down the field on its ensuing possession and reached a first down at the Northside Methodist 15-yardline, and while the Gamecocks failed to push the ball across the goal line, they did regain the lead when Caden Avalos kicked a 27-yard field goal with 34-seconds left on the clock to give New Brockton a 15-14 halftime advantage.

New Brockton received the second half kickoff and went 60 yards in just four plays to extend its lead. The Gamecock score came on a 59-yard touchdown toss from Dawson Peacock to

Baylor Foster, and while the extra-point attempt failed, New Brockton's lead had grown to 21-14 with 10:40 remaining in the third quarter.

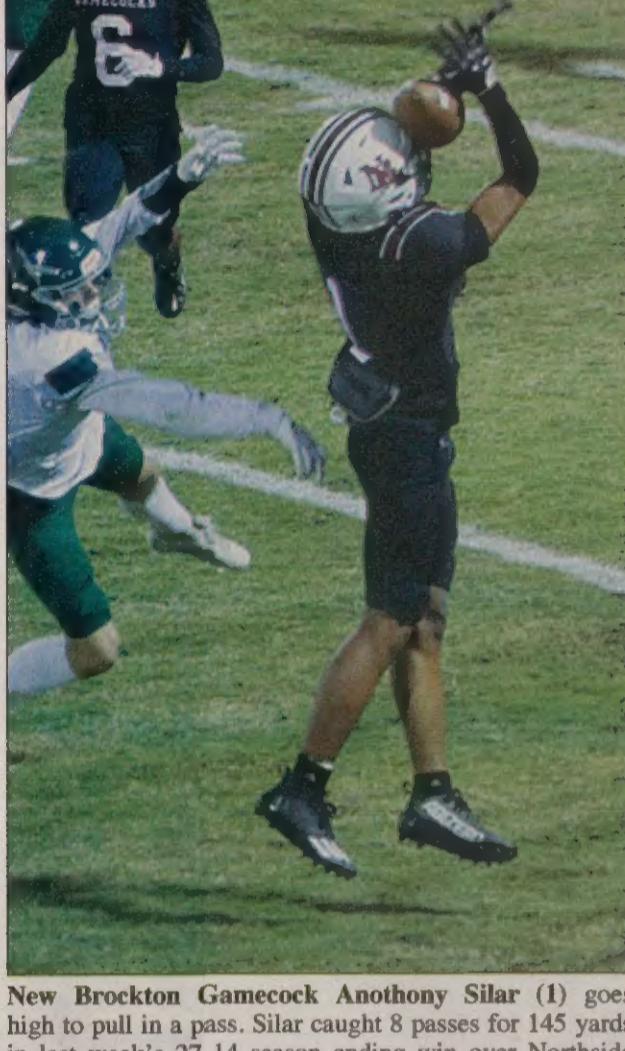
The Gamecocks regained possession on a pass interception by Kyle GaVette, and cashed in the turnover as they went 60 yards in eight plays to get back into the endzone. A 23-yard touchdown pass from Peacock to Foster capped the scoring drive, and while the extra-point again failed to find its target, New Brockton was now on top 27-14 with 1:20 left in the third quarter.

Northside Methodist tried to stage a rally midway through the fourth quarter and reached a first down at the New Brockton 7-yardline. However, a sack by the Gamecocks Jared Petite slowed the march, and after a stop on fourth down, New Brockton ran the final six minutes off the clock to preserve the big 27-14 win.

Dawson Peacock was a perfect 18 for 18 passing for 297 yards and two touchdowns to lead New Brockton through the air, with Anthony Silar pulling in 8 passes for 145 yards and Baylor Foster pulling in 7 passes for 138 yards and two touchdowns.

Yassiah Rousseau led the Gamecocks on the ground with 95 yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries.

The New Brockton defense was paced by Blake Peterson with 12 tackles, while Jared Petite added 6 stops and two sacks, Josiah Peterson added 4 tackles and 1 sack, and Kyle Gavette added 4 tackles and a pass interception.



New Brockton Gamecock Anthony Silar (1) goes high to pull in a pass. Silar caught 8 passes for 145 yards in last week's 27-14 season ending win over Northside Methodist.

Kinston Bulldogs outscored by Lions 48-25

Statistics by W.J. Adcock
Courtesy photos

The Kinston Bulldogs pulled ahead early and carried a 19-18 lead into the half, but couldn't keep up the pace over the final two quarters and suffered a high-scoring 48-25 region loss at home to the Houston County Lions, Friday night to close the season with a disappointing 2-8 record.

Kinston jumped out to a 7-0 lead with 5:20 remaining in the first quarter on a 45-yard run by Michael Thompson and the extra-point by Marcus Free, only to see Houston County answer with a 23-yard scoring run by Azariel Todd to cut the lead to 7-6 with 3:57 still left in the quarter.

The Bulldogs stretched their lead to 13-6 early in the second quarter on a 30-yard touchdown toss from Brant McCollough to C.J. Lunsford, only to see the Lions bounce right back and pull within 13-12 with 6:10 left in the half when Todd broke loose again and added his second 23-yard td run.

Kinston's Marcus Free scooped up a Houston County fumble and rambled 65 yards for score with 1:57 remaining in the half to push the Bulldogs lead to 19-12. However, the Lions again had an answer for the Bulldog score and pulled within 19-18 with 1:10 left in the half when Todd scored his third touchdown of the night on a 54-yard gallop.

Houston County's grabbed its first lead of the night at 26-19 early in the third quarter, and then upped its lead to 34-19 with 3:23 remaining in the quarter when Todd scored his fourth td of the game on a 2-yard blast.

Kinston refused to throw in the towel and pulled within 34-25 with 1:02 left in the quarter on a 23-yard dash by Michael Maschek, but the Lions added two more scores on a 35-yard



Kinston Bulldogs were ready for action prior to last week's season finale against the Houston County Lions.

run by Isaiah Griffin and a 63-yard run by Todd to pull away and hand the Bulldogs the 48-25 defeat.

Michael Thompson rushed for 104 yards and one touchdown on 12 carries to lead Kinston, while Colby Tew added 92 yards on 21 carries and Michael Maschek added 27 yards and one td on three carries.

Azariel Todd rushed for 221 yards and five touchdowns on 12 carries and Isaiah Griffin added 173 yards and one td on 12 carries to lead Houston County.

The Bulldogs missed the playoffs for the second straight season.



Kinston Bulldog Band kept the large crowd fired up for all four quarters.



ZEEKS INKS WITH ESCC TO PLAY SOFTBALL... Zion Chapel's Madison Meeks signed Friday, Nov. 3, to join the Enterprise State Community College softball team after she graduates. Meeks, who plays third base for the Rebels softball team at Zion Chapel, hit .457 with 42 hits in 92-at-bats last season. She had four homers, 12 doubles, three triples, and went 24 out of 25 in steals. Pictured with Madison is her parents, Alicia and Jeremy Meeks.



New Brockton Gamecock Yassiah Rousseau (8) finds room to run in last week's 27-14 region win over Northside Methodist. Rousseau rushed for 95 yards and 2 td's in the big win.



New Brockton Gamecock cheerleader was kicking high during last week's 27-14 win over Northside Methodist in the season finale.

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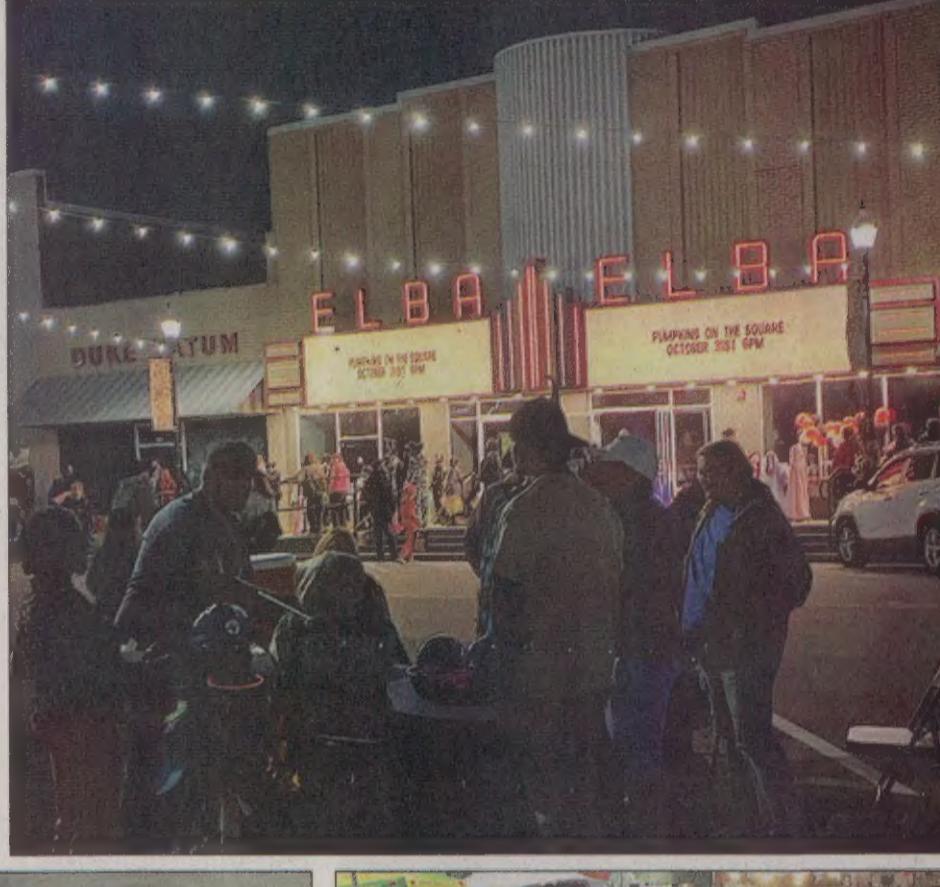
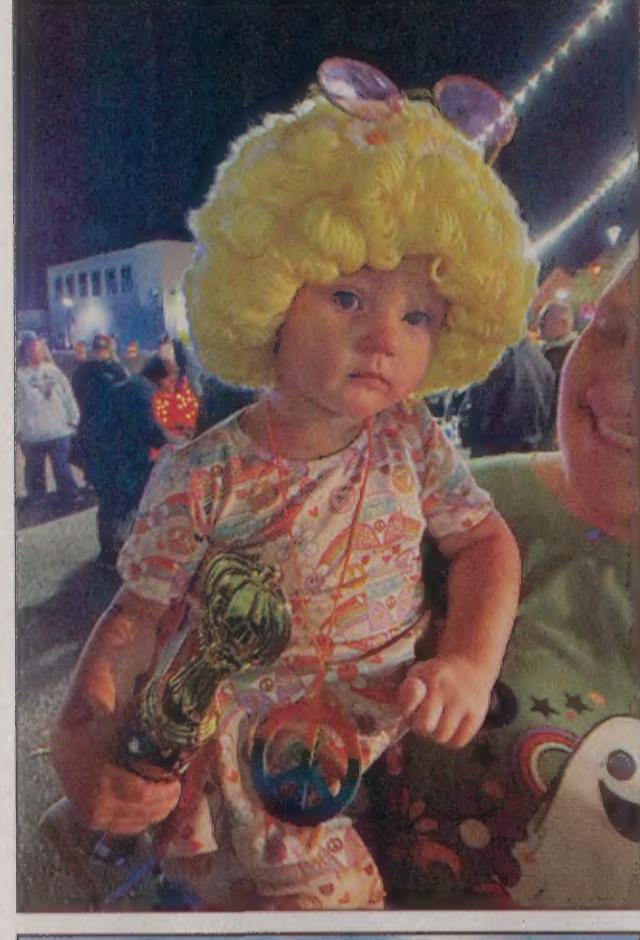
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